

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An endoscope (10) comprising an image transmitting system, ~~further a~~ a fiber optics bundle (20, 21), said bundle having a distal end segment, a distal end, and a proximal end and which-being ~~is mounted in the endoscope~~ at least by its-the distal end segment (20) ~~in the endoscope (11) so as to~~ illuminate ~~the-a~~ a field of view, said bundle, which radiates light from ~~its-the~~ the distal end ~~thereof to~~ illuminate the field of view, ~~itself-being-is~~ is illuminated at ~~its-the~~ the proximal end (18) by a light source (19), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said endoscope further comprises ~~it comprises furthermore~~ a light tapping system (22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29) which taps light from the fiber optics bundle (20, 21) and guides ~~it-the~~ tapped light to a window (25, 30, 31, 32, 33) in ~~the-an~~ an external wall of the endoscope (10).

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Endoscope~~ The endoscope as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a hookup cable (15) ~~which-that~~ is fitted with a coupling (16) and ~~which-can be disconnected from the endoscope (11), said hookup cable-and~~ receiving ~~the-a~~ a proximal end segment (21) of the fiber optics (20, 21), characterized ~~in that-and wherein~~ the window (25) is mounted in ~~the-an~~ an external wall of the coupling (16).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Endoscope~~ The endoscope as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an optic fiber (26, 27, 28, 29) branches off the fiber optics bundle (20, 21) and is guided to the window (30, 31, 32, 33).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Endoscope~~ The endoscope as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the window (32, 33) is configured in one of a ~~the~~ zone of a functional element (14, 13) and a zone of ~~or of~~ a labeling of the endoscope (10).

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Endoscope~~ The endoscope as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the window is configured ~~in a manner to illuminate~~ at least one of a functional element (13) ~~or~~ and a labeling of the endoscope (10).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Endoscope~~ The endoscope as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein several light tapping devices and windows are configured in the external wall of the endoscope (10) in a manner to subtend a pattern.